

Editorial

Institute of World Mission 45th Anniversary Issue

This year marks the forty-fifth anniversary of official missionary training programs called Mission Institutes, held at Andrews University. While training has been centered at Andrews University, Institutes have been held all over the world, preparing missionaries for service. This year is also the 30th Anniversary of the beginning of the Institute of World Mission as a separate institution of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

While the Institute of World Mission is going through changes this year while it moves to the World Headquarters near Washington DC, this issue of JAMS specifically celebrates the 45th anniversary of its service to the church. The theme articles published in this issue deal with various aspects and angles of the work of the Institute of World Mission.

Over the years the Institute has contributed in different ways to the mission of the Church. Not only training, but welcoming home missionaries, conducting valuable research, writing academic articles, and being part of the mission dialogical community in the Adventist movement.

Those of us who are part of the Institute of World Mission are grateful to Bruce Bauer and the JAMS editorial staff for seeing the value in a special issue commemorating this anniversary. I would also like to give a word of special appreciation for those who have contributed for this issue in writing, reviewing, and constructing the current journal. All of the main articles in this journal have been written by faculty, current or former, of the Institute of World Mission.

For forty-five years the Institute of World Mission has been preparing, enriching, and caring for missionaries. Hundreds of missionaries including teachers, pastors, administrators, doctors, and humanitarian workers have passed through Mission Institute—all with the goal of loving people, aiding the growth of the church, and preparing many for Christ's second coming.

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